



# Pine Line

*Pine Meadows Community Newsletter*

*February 2026*



Welcome to February, the month with least number of days. Typically, 28 but every four years it grows to 29.

February 2026 is, however, different due to it being known as the perfect month.

Why might you ask? Well, this February starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday. It fits perfectly into four full weeks and the next time this occurs will be February 2037.

February is also the last full month of winter as Spring will arrive on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 10:46 p.m. Start the count down!!

Another thing to remember is February 14<sup>th</sup>. No matter what your significant other says, do not forget this date 😊 Never miss a good opportunity for chocolate and sweets.

So, here is to February, it might be smaller than the other eleven months, but it can be perfect, and sweet.

Enjoy the month and lets all pray for an early spring.

Chuck McCormack  
PMHA President

## **Public Service Message provided** by Susan Laberge

Starting January 1, 2026 changes to the Ontario Fire Code require a working carbon monoxide alarm on every level of any residence with a gas-burning appliance, including a furnace, water heater or stove.

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The only way you're going to know that there's carbon monoxide in your home is if you've installed a carbon monoxide alarm.

Carbon monoxide is produced when fuels such as natural gas, gasoline, oil, propane, wood or coal are burned. At high concentration levels, carbon monoxide reduces the body's ability to absorb oxygen, which can quickly affect brain and organ function and lead to death.

If you live in a house, a CO alarm must be installed if the home:

- has a fuel-burning appliance
- has a fireplace
- has an attached garage

• **Cards Cards Cards**

For card requests, please contact either: Kathryn Dancey 519-843-5216  
Marni Henry 226-486-2432

Our community sent “**Thinking of You / Get Well Wishes**” to the following residents:



Phillip England 146 Pine Ridge Road  
Martin Bauer 96 White Bark Way  
Henri Gagne 9 Pine Ridge Road



We were saddened to hear of the passing of resident Bill Clark 59 Pine Ridge Road. A sympathy card was sent to Bill’s wife Marie.



***Birthdays and Anniversaries for February***

The following are the names of Pine Meadows residents who are celebrating either a birthday or anniversary the month of February.



<b><i>Birthdays</i></b>		<b><i>Anniversaries:</i></b>	
Ian Marr	February 3	Tom and Carole Jansen	February 14
Mike Stock	February 5		
Vera Shoemaker	February 9		
Roberta Hunter	February 9		
Mike Agnew	February 11		
Leona Howard	February 15		
Donna Chalmers	February 18		
Mary Tocher	February 26		
Ken Chalmers	February 27		

***Congratulations Everyone!***  
To have birthdays and anniversaries noted in the Pine Line each month and announced at Koffee Klatch, please send your info to Jackie Piercey. Her contact info is (piercey.jackie@gmail.com) or call 905-703-0372 and she will update her list.

**Thank you**

The Wednesday night Euchre group would like express out heartfelt **Thank You** to Pearl and Bud Davis. Pearl and Bud have taken care of setting up and managing this Euchre group for over 10 years! Always there, making it fun and ensuring everyone is playing even if it meant they sat out or shared a card. We are sorry to see them go and we hope they come out now and again to join us. We have big shoes to fill.

Carmie McCormack

## **Pine Meadows Ladies Group**

*Lois MacPherson*

The ladies of Pine Meadows are invited to attend our weekly meetings (excluding holidays) on Mondays at 1:30. At the meetings we share our interest and skills over a 'cuppa' coffee or tea and some goodies. We often have an activity for those present to participate in, or if one prefers to just socialize they are welcome to do so.

If a specific activity is being planned the information will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

### **Koffee Klatch**

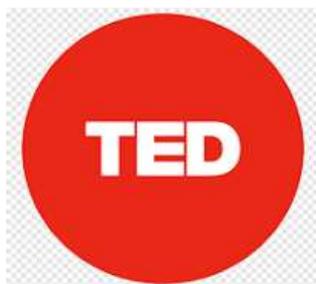
*Jackie Pierce*



**February 4th**

**Comedian Jeff  
Allen**

**"Honor Your Wife" Full special  
30.11 min**



**February 11th**

**Sophie Scott a cognitive  
neuroscientist will share facts  
about "Why we Laugh"**

**16:55 min**



**February 18th**

**Buddy Fitzpatrick**

**"Driving the cheapest car in the  
world" full special 22:42 Min**



**February 25th**

**10 Canadian Cereal Brands  
marketed**

**as healthy you should avoid.  
21:24 min**

## **Display Case**

*Joyce Giddings*

How many of you remember collecting the little figurines included in packages of Red Rose Tea? It was so much fun to open a new box of tea when mom brought it home from shopping. Which animal would it be? Hopefully not one you already had. I still have a small collection of turtles and frogs.

Apparently, in 1967, Red Rose Tea started putting miniature glazed porcelain figurines made by the Wade Pottery Company of England in their boxes of tea. It was a short-term promotion only available in Quebec. It was such a hit that it was extended to the rest of Canada and to the USA in 1983. Over 300 million figurines had been given away when the promotion ended in 2018.

There is now a thriving antique and resale market. But if you are a savvy shopper, you can pick up some of the figurines in thrift stores. This is exactly what Sue Graham has done. She has amassed a huge collection of miniature teapots. Only one or two are missing from her collection. Thanks Sue for sharing with us. That's an amazing collection!



I guess for February a Valentine's theme is appropriate. Am still working on it. If you have any items you would like to add, just let me know.

If you have any ideas or collectibles along these lines, or any others, you would like to share, please contact me at: 519 843-6244 or [joycegiddings1@gmail.com](mailto:joycegiddings1@gmail.com).

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

*Chris Larsen*

### **New Years Eve Dinner and Dance**

We had 70 residents and guests attend despite the fresh snow falling. The meal was catered by Everton Academy of Culinary Arts. The 3 Course Dinner started with a Ceasar Salad, followed by two choices of entrée a Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon in Filo with baby potatoes and carrots. Complimentary red and white wine from Vinden Estates was provided for the evening. Dessert was Vanilla Ice Cream with Apple Crumble. Music was provided by Kay from The Digital DJ's for the dinner and the dance that followed from 8:30 to 1am. Hats, noise makers and party favours were provided for the midnight celebration of the New Year. Winners of the door prizes (bottle of wine from The Grape House in Elora) were Terry & Maureen Nelson, Terry and Dave Favrin, Lilly and Pat Chaulk and Susan and Mike Stock. The Share the Wealth draw of \$150 was shared by Ken Lindsay, Ron Goddard and Penny Curtis. Feedback from the participants was that the food was excellent, the music was exciting and the company was super.

## Happy New Year 2026



Lillian and Patrick Chaulk (left)  
Carole Rosinski and Roy Vinden (Left)



### **Court Whist**

Court Whist planned for mid January was held in the Grand Hall despite the construction that had already started. The Contractor made sure their equipment, and materials were kept to the side of the hall, so we were comfortable. We only had 28 players, but it was an enthusiastic group. The only quiet time was the Silent game played with a penalty for talking! The charge of \$4 per person was paid back in prize money with Lilly Chaulk taking first, Chris Larsen second and Nicole Bernou third. Snacks were provided. Share the Wealth draw was won by Gord Wood, Nicole Bernou and Elizabeth White.

### **Next Event:**

#### **Valentine's Pot Luck Dinner Sat Feb 14th 6:30pm**

We have 10 tables signed up for this event where each table of 8 decides what each couple will bring from a main dish to a dessert for their table. We have a Romance Based Trivia Contest that will get everyone up and moving around and of course a Share the Wealth Draw. Hope to see you there.

#### **Super Bowl LX Viewing Sun Feb 8th 5:30pm**

We are having a Super Bowl viewing party on Super Bowl Sunday with Potluck supper snacks and Ron's Famous Football Pool! BYOB.

## **Heads up on a new, expanded Recycling Program in Centre Wellington**

by Susan Laberge

Our pick up schedule hasn't changed and is still a two-stream pick-up, with one blue bin for Paper products (and plastic bags) and a second blue bin for Containers.

Here are examples of the additional products that can go in your Blue Bins.

**NEW in Paper Products**- Paper laminate bags and flexible plastic packaging and bags

### **NEW Containers**

- Black plastic containers
- Paper laminate containers - Spiral cans, ice cream tubs, hot & cold beverage cups
- Juice & milk containers - including tetra cartons
- Aluminum trays plus NEW aluminum foil (ball-up)
- Foam packaging - including foam trays, containers, cups, plates etc.
- Small item plastic containers - toothpaste and deodorant
- Aerosol containers - food spray, hairspray, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant, etc.

*NO TOXIC AEROSOLS marked corrosive or flammable*

Clothing, fabric, shoes, belts, purses etc. secured in a bag are accepted at the landfill for recycling.

A handy tool is the **Recycle Coach App** to check individual items and get reminders.

See [www.wellington.ca](http://www.wellington.ca) or just go to your App store on your phone for more information.

### **PMHA BOARD of Directors**

President:	Chuck McCormack
Vice-President:	Ted White
Treasurer:	Chris Larsen
Building & Maintenance:	Craig Howard
Communications:	Carmie McCormack
Secretary:	Lilian Chaulk
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Activity Director:	Susan Stock
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## The Pine Line



*The Pine Line is the monthly newsletter of Pine Meadows residents and is produced for the Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association by the Pine Line Team, which currently consists of:*

**Coordinators/Editors:** *Linda Webster and Perry Adams.*

**Pine Line Committee Members:** *Anne Chery, Joyce Giddings, Heather Denomy, Myra Manning, Grant Swift and Nancy Ottewell.*

**We are always looking for more team members to proofread the final draft of the Pine Line and attend our pre-publication meeting. If any of you are interested, please contact either Linda or Perry.**

**The submission deadline in December, for the January issue, is the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month. The deadline for the remainder of the months is the 21<sup>st</sup>. While a high priority is to include all submissions, space may require that some submissions be omitted, or delayed to a future edition of The Pine Line.**

**The Pine Line depends on submissions by the various activity groups within Pine Meadows and *by you, the residents*. Submissions should be made electronically (by email) to [\*\*pinemeadowsnewsletter@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:pinemeadowsnewsletter@gmail.com).**

**Submissions can also be placed in Box 35 Linda Webster or Box 70 Perry Adams.**

# Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association – Events Calendar

## February 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 KK – Dry Bar Comedy Honour Your Wife 30:11 minutes	5	6	7
8 - 5:30 pm Super Bowl Party	9	10	11 KK – TED Talk Why we laugh 15:55 minutes	12	13	14 –  6:30 pm Valentine's Pot Luck
15	16	17	18 KK – Dry Bar Comedy Cheapest car 22:42 minutes	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 KK YouTube Cereals to avoid 21:24 minutes	26	27	28
	Safety/Security Barry Wood	Open Swim & Children Allowed Pool hours: 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. daily		Reservations & Kitchen Committee - Heather Waring		
	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 9:00 Wood Carving 10:00 Water Aerobics 11:30 SMART Program 12:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Ladies Group 7:00 Billiards – Men	9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Water Aerobics 11:15 Pool Volleyball 1:00 Billiards – 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Bridge 2:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Mixed Darts 7:00 Poker	8:30 Water Aerobics 9:30 Koffee Klatch 10:15 – 12:00 pm Pool Cleaning 11:30 SMART Program 1:00 Men's Aquafit 2:00 pm Drawing Class 7:00 Euchre (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday) Bid Euchre (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday)	9:00 Water Aerobics 9:30 ROMEOS 10:00 Water Aerobics 11:15 Pool Volleyball 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Line Dancing -beginner 2:15 Line Dancing -regular 2:00 Ladies Billiards 7:00 Table Tennis	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Bridge 10:00 Water Aerobics 10:30 VON Fall Prevention 11:30 SMART Program 12:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:00 Cribbage 4:00 Happy Hour	7:00 Mixed Billiards